# HEARTGARD PLUS- ivermectin and pyrantel pamoate tablet, chewable Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA Inc.

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Heartgard® Plus (ivermectin/pyrantel)

Chewables

Approved by FDA under NADA # 140-971

#### Caution

Federal (U.S.A.) law restricts this drug to use by or on the order of a licensed veterinarian.

#### **INDICATIONS**

For use in dogs to prevent canine heartworm disease by eliminating the tissue stage of heartworm larvae (*Dirofilaria immitis*) for a month (30 days) after infection and for the treatment and control of ascarids (*Toxocara canis, Toxascaris leonina*) and hookworms (*Ancylostoma caninum, Uncinaria stenocephala, Ancylostoma braziliense*).

#### **DOSAGE**

HEARTGARD® Plus should be administered orally at monthly intervals at the recommended minimum dose level of 6 mcg of ivermectin per kilogram (2.72 mcg/lb) and 5 mg of pyrantel (as pamoate salt) per kg (2.27 mg/lb) of body weight. The recommended dosing schedule for prevention of canine heartworm disease and for the treatment and control of ascarids and hookworms is as follows:

Dog Weight				Color Coding on
	Chewables	<b>Ivermectin</b>	Pyrantel	Foil Backing and
	Per Month	Content	Content	Carton
Up to 25 lbs	1	68 mcg	57 mg	Blue
26 to 50 lbs	1	136 mcg	114 mg	Green
51 to 100 lbs	1	272 mcg	227 mg	Brown

HEARTGARD Plus is recommended for dogs 6 weeks of age and older. For dogs over 100 lbs use the appropriate combination of these chewables.

#### ADMINISTRATION

Remove only one chewable at a time from the foil-backed blister card. Return the card with the remaining chewables to its box to protect the product from light. Because most dogs find HEARTGARD Plus palatable, the product can be offered to the dog by hand. Alternatively, it may be added intact to a small amount of dog food. The chewable should be administered in a manner that encourages the dog to chew, rather than to swallow without chewing. Chewables may be broken into pieces and fed to dogs that normally

swallow treats whole.

Care should be taken that the dog consumes the complete dose, and treated animals should be observed for a few minutes after administration to ensure that part of the dose is not lost or rejected. If it is suspected that any of the dose has been lost, redosing is recommended.

HEARTGARD Plus should be given at monthly intervals during the period of the year when mosquitoes (vectors), potentially carrying infective heartworm larvae, are active. The initial dose must be given within a month (30 days) after the dog's first exposure to mosquitoes. The final dose must be given within a month (30 days) after the dog's last exposure to mosquitoes.

When replacing another heartworm preventive product in a heartworm disease preventive program, the first dose of HEARTGARD Plus must be given within a month (30 days) of the last dose of the former medication.

If the interval between doses exceeds a month (30 days), the efficacy of ivermectin can be reduced. Therefore, for optimal performance, the chewable must be given once a month on or about the same day of the month. If treatment is delayed, whether by a few days or many, immediate treatment with HEARTGARD Plus and resumption of the recommended dosing regimen minimizes the opportunity for the development of adult heartworms.

Monthly treatment with HEARTGARD Plus also provides effective treatment and control of ascarids (*T. canis*, *T. leonina*) and hookworms (*A. caninum*, *U. stenocephala*, *A. braziliense*). Clients should be advised of measures to be taken to prevent reinfection with intestinal parasites.

#### **EFFICACY**

HEARTGARD<sup>®</sup> Plus (ivermectin/pyrantel) Chewables, given orally using the recommended dose and regimen, are effective against the tissue larval stage of *D. immitis* for a month (30 days) after infection and, as a result, prevent the development of the adult stage. HEARTGARD Plus Chewables are also effective against canine ascarids (*T. canis*, *T. leonina*) and hookworms (*A. caninum*, *U. stenocephala*, *A. braziliense*).

#### **ACCEPTABILITY**

In acceptability and field trials, HEARTGARD Plus was shown to be an acceptable oral dosage form that was consumed at first offering by the majority of dogs.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

All dogs should be tested for existing heartworm infection before starting treatment with HEARTGARD Plus which is not effective against adult *D. immitis*. Infected dogs must be treated to remove adult heartworms and microfilariae before initiating a program with HEARTGARD Plus.

While some microfilariae may be killed by the ivermectin in HEARTGARD Plus at the recommended dose level, HEARTGARD Plus is not effective for microfilariae clearance. A

mild hypersensitivity-type reaction, presumably due to dead or dying microfilariae and particularly involving a transient diarrhea, has been observed in clinical trials with ivermectin alone after treatment of some dogs that have circulating microfilariae.

**Keep this and all drugs out of the reach of children.** In case of ingestion by humans, clients should be advised to contact a physician immediately. Physicians may contact a Poison Control Center for advice concerning cases of ingestion by humans.

Store between 68° F - 77° F (20° - 25° C). Excursions between 59° F - 86° F (15° - 30° C) are permitted. Protect product from light.

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

In clinical field trials with HEARTGARD Plus, vomiting or diarrhea within 24 hours of dosing was rarely observed (1.1% of administered doses). The following adverse reactions have been reported following the use of HEARTGARD: Depression/lethargy, vomiting, anorexia, diarrhea, mydriasis, ataxia, staggering, convulsions and hypersalivation.

To report suspected adverse drug events, for technical assistance, or to obtain a copy of the Safety Data Sheet (SDS), contact Boehringer Ingelheim Animal Health USA Inc. at 1-888-637-4251. For additional information about adverse drug experience reporting for animal drugs, contact FDA at 1-888-FDA-VETS, or www.fda.gov/reportanimalae.

#### **SAFETY**

HEARTGARD Plus has been shown to be bioequivalent to HEARTGARD, with respect to the bioavailability of ivermectin. The dose regimens of HEARTGARD Plus and HEARTGARD are the same with regard to ivermectin (6 mcg/kg). Studies with ivermectin indicate that certain dogs of the Collie breed are more sensitive to the effects of ivermectin administered at elevated dose levels (more than 16 times the target use level) than dogs of other breeds. At elevated doses, sensitive dogs showed adverse reactions which included mydriasis, depression, ataxia, tremors, drooling, paresis, recumbency, excitability, stupor, coma and death. HEARTGARD demonstrated no signs of toxicity at 10 times the recommended dose (60 mcg/kg) in sensitive Collies. Results of these trials and bioequivalency studies, support the safety of HEARTGARD products in dogs, including Collies, when used as recommended.

HEARTGARD Plus has shown a wide margin of safety at the recommended dose level in dogs, including pregnant or breeding bitches, stud dogs and puppies aged 6 or more weeks. In clinical trials, many commonly used flea collars, dips, shampoos, anthelmintics, antibiotics, vaccines and steroid preparations have been administered with HEARTGARD Plus in a heartworm disease preventive program.

In one trial, where some pups had parvovirus, there was a marginal reduction in efficacy against intestinal nematodes, possibly due to a change in intestinal transit time.

#### **HOW SUPPLIED**

HEARTGARD Plus is available in three dosage strengths (See DOSAGE section) for dogs of different weights. Each strength comes in convenient cartons of 1, 6 and 12

chewables.

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## PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL - 12 Tablet Carton (For Dogs Up To 25 lbs)

Heartgard® Plus (ivermectin/pyrantel)

Administer once a month to prevent heartworm disease and to treat and control ascarid and hookworm infections in dogs.

For DOGS UP TO 25 lbs

#### 12 Chewables

Each chewable contains 68 mcg ivermectin and 57 mg pyrantel as pamoate salt.

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PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL - 12 Tablet Carton (For Dogs 26-50 lbs)

Heartgard® Plus (ivermectin/pyrantel)

Administer once a month to prevent heartworm disease and to treat and control ascarid and hookworm infections in dogs.

For DOGS 26-50 lbs

#### 12 Chewables

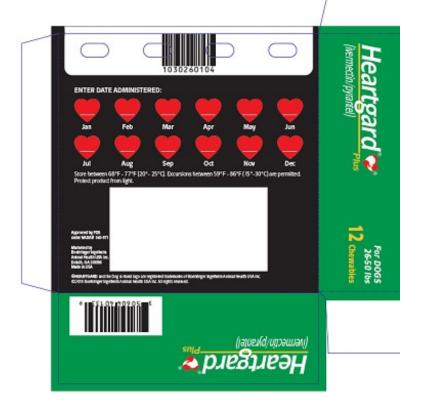
Each chewable contains 136 mcg ivermectin and 114 mg pyrantel as pamoate salt.

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## PRINCIPAL DISPLAY PANEL - 12 Tablet Carton (For Dogs 51-100 lbs)

Heartgard® Plus (ivermectin/pyrantel)

Administer once a month to prevent heartworm disease and to treat and control ascarid and hookworm infections in dogs.

For DOGS 51-100 lbs

#### 12 Chewables

Each chewable contains 272 mcg ivermectin and 227 mg pyrantel as pamoate salt.

Keep this and all drugs out of the reach of children.

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## **HEARTGARD PLUS**

ivermectin and pyrantel pamoate tablet, chewable

Product Information					
Product Type	PRESCRIPTION ANIMAL DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:0010-4012		
Route of Administration	ORAL				

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety					
Ingredient Name	<b>Basis of Strength</b>	Strength			
ivermectin (UNII: 8883YP2R6D) (ivermectin - UNII:8883YP2R6D)	ivermectin	68 ug			
pyrantel pamoate (UNII: 81BK194Z5M) (pyrantel - UNII:4QIH0N49E7)	pyrantel	57 mg			

Product Characteristics				
Color	RED (red to red-brown)	Score	no score	
Shape	RECTANGLE	Size	25mm	
Flavor		Imprint Code		
Contains				

P	ackaging			
#	Item Code	Package Description	<b>Marketing Start Date</b>	Marketing End Date
1	NDC:0010-4012-01	1 in 1 CARTON		
1		6 in 1 BLISTER PACK		
2	NDC:0010-4012-02	2 in 1 CARTON		
2		6 in 1 BLISTER PACK		
3	NDC:0010-4012-03	1 in 1 CARTON		
3		1 in 1 BLISTER PACK		
4	NDC:0010-4012-04	1 in 1 CARTON		
4		1 in 1 BLISTER PACK		

Marketing Information				
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ivermectin and pyrantel pamoate tablet, chewable

Product Information				
Product Type	PRESCRIPTION ANIMAL DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:0010-4013	
Route of Administration	ORAL			

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
Ingredient Name	<b>Basis of Strength</b>	Strength		
ivermectin (UNII: 8883YP2R6D) (ivermectin - UNII:8883YP2R6D)	ivermectin	136 ug		
pyrantel pamoate (UNII: 81BK194Z5M) (pyrantel - UNII:4QIH0N49E7)	pyrantel	114 mg		

Product Characteristics					
Color	RED (red to red-brown)	Score	no score		
Shape	RECTANGLE	Size	32mm		
Flavor		Imprint Code			
Contains					

P	Packaging					
#	Item Code	Package Description	Marketing Start Date	Marketing End Date		
1	NDC:0010-4013-01	1 in 1 CARTON				
1		6 in 1 BLISTER PACK				
2	NDC:0010-4013-02	2 in 1 CARTON				
2		6 in 1 BLISTER PACK				
3	NDC:0010-4013-03	1 in 1 CARTON				
3		1 in 1 BLISTER PACK				
4	NDC:0010-4013-04	1 in 1 CARTON				
4		1 in 1 BLISTER PACK				

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## **HEARTGARD PLUS**

ivermectin and pyrantel pamoate tablet, chewable

Product Information					
Product Type	PRESCRIPTION ANIMAL DRUG	Item Code (Source)	NDC:0010-4014		
Route of Administration	ORAL				

Active Ingredient/Active Moiety				
Ingredient Name	Basis of Strength	Strength		
ivermectin (UNII: 8883YP2R6D) (ivermectin - UNII:8883YP2R6D)	ivermectin	272 ug		
pyrantel pamoate (UNII: 81BK194Z5M) (pyrantel - UNII:4QIH0N49E7)	pyrantel	228 mg		

Product Characteristics					
Color	RED (red to red-brown)	Score	no score		
Shape	RECTANGLE	Size	38mm		
Flavor		Imprint Code			
Contains					

P	Packaging					
#	Item Code	Package Description	<b>Marketing Start Date</b>	Marketing End Date		
1	NDC:0010-4014-01	1 in 1 CARTON				
1		6 in 1 BLISTER PACK				
2	NDC:0010-4014-02	2 in 1 CARTON				
2		6 in 1 BLISTER PACK				
3	NDC:0010-4014-03	1 in 1 CARTON				
3		1 in 1 BLISTER PACK				
4	NDC:0010-4014-04	1 in 1 CARTON				
4		1 in 1 BLISTER PACK				

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